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SUBJECT: SPINOLA ENTRAPMENT SENSATIONALIZED IN SWEDISH DAILY

1. THE INDEPENDENT STOCKHOLM DAILY DAGENS NYHETER CARRIED AS ITS LEADING STORY APRIL 7 AN ARTICLE BY WEST GERMAN JOURNALIST GUNTHER WALLRAFF CLAIMING TO REVEAL PLANS FORMER PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT SPINOLA TO ATTEMPT A RIGHTIST COUP IN PORTUGAL FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS OF APRIL 25. WALLRAFF, WHO IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN LIONIZED IN LEFT-WING DAGENS NYHETER, REPORTEDLY POSED AS A MEMBER OF A SECRET RIGHT-WING WEST GERMAN ORGANIZATION DESIRING TO SUPPLY ASSISTANCE TO THE PLOTTERS.

2. "DAGENS NYHETER IS THE FIRST NEWSPAPER IN THE WORLD TO MAKE PUBLIC WALLRAFF'S OWN ACCOUNT," READS THE HEADLINE. NOWHERE DOES DAGENS NYHETER REVEAL TO SWEDISH READERS THAT WALLRAFF'S ACCOUNT HAS ALSO BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE WEST GERMAN

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WEEKLY DER STERN, A DETAIL INCLUDED IN ACCOUNTS OF THE WALLRAFF-

SPINOLA PLOTTING PUBLISHED IN STOCKHOLM'S OTHER LEADING DAILY (SVENSKA DAGBLADET). DAGENS NYHETER SCOOP CLAIM THUS APPEARS INTENDED TO MEAN THAT IT IS FIRST DAILY TO PUBLISH WALLRAFF ACCOUNT, AS DISTINCT FROM A WEEKLY PERIODICAL.

3. FULL PAGE COVERAGE OF WALLRAFF COUP INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPH OF SPINOLA GETTING OUT OF AUTOMOBILE, DESCRIBED AS PARKED IN FRONT OF DUSSELDORF RESTAURANT SCHNELLENBURG ON MARCH 25 TO HAVE LUNCH WITH WALLRAFF AND HIS COLLABORATOR IN THE ENTRAPMENT, HELLA SCHLUMBERGER.
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